



Giant Hogweed
(Heracleum mantegazzianum)

American Cow Parsnip
(Heracleum lanatum)



- Compound
- Lobed
- Deeply incised
- Up to 5 feet wide



- Compound
- Lobed
- Less incised than hogweed
- Between 2-2.5 feet wide



- Course white hairs
- Thick circle of hairs at base of leaf stalk
- Green with purple mottling
- 2 to 4 inch diameter



- Fine white hairs
- Green and ridged
- 1 to 2 inch diameter



- 50 or more rays
- Umbrella shaped
- Up to 2.5 feet wide



- 15-30 rays
- White flat-topped
- Up to 1 foot wide

****Both plants cause a phytophotodermatitis reaction on skin, when exposed to sunlight****